New Varieties of Cash Crops

3545. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Agriculture Research Institute has developed some new varieties of seeds of the cash crops recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the States where these new seeds have been used; and

(d) the results likely to be achieved thereform?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Cotton variety - 'Pusa B-6' has been identified for late sown conditions in Punjab, Haryana, Northern Rajasthan and Western Uttar Pradesh.

Grape hybrid 'Pusa Navrang' has been developed for northern India. It is good for making juice and coloured wine.

Bhindi Variety 'Okra A-4', a yellow vein mosaic virus resistant variety has been released for the whole country.

Four varieties of Gladioli namely Neelam, Suryakrian, Dhanwantri and Sangervani and five varieties of roses namely Mother Teresa, Nehru Centenary, Dr. S.S. Bhatnagar, Lahar and Chitra have been released.

(d) The above varieties will help in increasing productivity of these crops resulting into higher profitability to the farmers.

Houses for Freedom Fighters

3546. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether steps have been taken to make available residential plots/houses to homeless veteran freedom fighters on the priority basis;

(b) whether the requests for allotment of residential plots/houses to the homeless freedom fighters of the Indian National Army are still pending; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) The Government has neither formulated nor intend to formulate any scheme to make available residential plots/houses to the homeless veteran freedom fighters on the priority basis.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Land belonging to Tribals

3547. SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken by the Government of Orissa to restore the alienated tribal lands in the tribal districts of the Scheduled Areas of the State;

(b) whether the Ministry have asked the Government of Orissa to furnish the information regarding the reported alienated tribal lands in Orissa; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Ministry and the State to check the alienation of tribal land?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) The Government of Orissa has enacted a legislation called 'The Orissa Scheduled Areas Transfer of Immovable Property (by Scheduled Tribes) Regulations, 1956', for prevention of alienation of land belonging to Scheduled Tribes and restoration of alienated land of Scheduled Tribes in the Scheduled Areas of Orissa.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Information has been asked for from the Government of Orissa and the Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment which is the nodal Ministry for land reforms and alienation of land in the Government of India and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is received.

Determination of Creamy Layer

3548. SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the instructions/guidelines contained in the office memorandum of the Government of India issued in September, 1993 in pursuance of the Mandal Judgment of the Supreme Court on identification of "Creamy Layer" have been implemented by all the State Government;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the action taken by the Government of India against the State Governments not implementing order; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to determine "Creamy Layer" in relation to the services under the Union?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) The Central Government vide its Office Memorandum No.36012/22/93 Estt. (SCT) dt. the 8th September, 1993, has outlined the detailed guidelines